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THE FOLLOWING Q AND A GENERATED BY QUESTIONING AT NOON
BRIEFING JANUARY 28 (REFTEL) WAS POSTED FOR THE PRESS
JANUARY 29.

Q. DO YOU KNOW WHETHER THE \$500 MILLION CUT (IN ASSISTANCE
TO ISRAEL) IS STILL BASED ON SOMETHING LIKE ONE-TO-THREE
MILITARY RATIO BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARAB CONFRONTATION
STATES AS A GENERAL YARDSTICK?

A. NATURALLY OUR ESTIMATE OF THE MILITARY BALANCE IN THE
AREA IS ONE OF MANY CRITERIA USED BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH
IN ARRIVING AT ITS PROPOSED FIGURE FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE
TO ISRAEL. BUT I AM NOT GOING TO GET INTO A DETAILED
DISCUSSION OF THESE CRITERIA OR HOW THEY ARE CONSIDERED.
LET ME REPEAT WHAT I SAID LAST WEEK -- THE ADMINISTRATION'S
PROPOSAL, WHICH WILL BE QUITE SUBSTANTIAL, WAS
ARRIVED AT AFTER VERY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF ISRAELI
SECURITY NEEDS IN THE LIGHT OF OUR OWN ECONOMIC SITUATION.
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WE BELIEVE THAT OUR OVERALL ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR ISRAEL
WILL CONTINUE TO ENABLE ISRAEL TO MEET ITS SECURITY NEEDS.

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